

Appl. No. 10/025,272  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action mailed 2 October 2003 (Paper No. 093003). Claims 9-15 were pending. Claims 9, 11 and 12 and have been amended herein. New Claim 16 has been added herein. Accordingly, following entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 9-16 will be pending. As set forth more fully below, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by any one of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,001,089; 5,225,328; 5,278,047; 5,529,906, 3,418,212; and 4,152,116. Applicant has amended Claims 9 and 11 and added new Claim 16. These claims recite additional kit components that are not disclosed by the cited references. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at page 24, line 16 through page 25, line 5 and at page 28, lines 2-5. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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